

REMARKS

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is in response to the Notice of Allowance of June 15, 2005. Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance and respectfully request reconsideration of the application.¹

Claims 31-50, 52-60, 62-72, 74-82, 84-115, and 120-124 are pending. Claims 1-30, 51, 61, 73, 83, and 116-119 have been cancelled. Claims 31, 40, 90, 100, 110-115, and 120 have been amended.

Claims 31 and 120 were amended to incorporate subject matter disclosed, for example, on page 5, lines 18-20, of the Specification.

Claims 40 and 90 were amended to incorporate subject matter disclosed, for example, on page 7, lines 15-20, of the Specification.

Claims 100 and 110-115 were amended to improve the wording of the claims.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

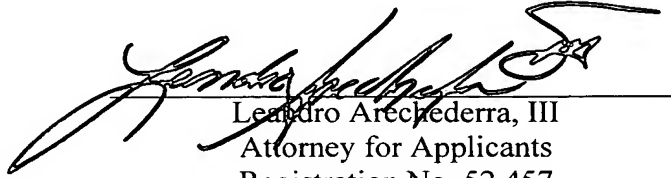
¹ Applicants neither agree nor acquiesce to the comments stated on page 18 of the Notice of Allowance to the extent one would try to read any other limitation not expressly recited in the claims.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application. In the alternative, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney, if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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